

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 NEW DE 00994 210434Z

15

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 PA-01

USIA-06 PRS-01 SP-02 NSC-05 SSC-01 /034 W

----- 066634

R 201215Z JAN 76

FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3502

INFO AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

AMCONSUL BOMBAY

AMCONSUL CALCUTTA

AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMCONSUL MADRAS

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 0994

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, IN

SUBJ: MRS GANDHI SELECTS CAPABLE BUT DOCILE CHIEF

MINISTER FOR UTTAR PRADESH

REF: NEW DELHI A-390

1. DECEMBER 1975 REFAIR DESCRIBED THE CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING THE FORCED RESIGNATION OF A POTENTIAL COMPETITOR TO MRS GANDHI, UTTAR PRADESH CHIEF MINISTER H.N. BAHUGUNA. ON JANUARY 18, CONGRESS PARTH PRESIDENT BAROOAH ANNOUNCED THAT N.D. TIWARI, ONE OF THE FIVE POSSIBLE SUCCESSORS LISTED IN THE AIRGRAM, WILL BE UP'S NEXT CHIEF MINISTER. ON JANUARY 21 HE WILL BE ELECTED AS LEADER OF THE CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE PARTY IN THE STATE ASSEMBLY. HE WILL BE SWORN IN AS CHIEF MINISTER SOON THEREAFTER.

2. TIWARI WAS SELECTED AS THE CHIEF MINISTER OF INDIA'S LARGEST AND MOST POLITICALLY IMPORTANT STATE FOR THE SAME REASON BAHUGUNA WAS FORCED TO RESIGN: THE PRIME MINISTER IS NOT INTERESTED IN SEEING A STRONG POLITICIAN CONSOLIDATE AN INDIGENOUS SUPPORT  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 NEW DE 00994 210434Z

BASE IN THE STATE THAT (I) HAS SPAWNED ALL OF

INDIA'S PRIME MINISTERS; (II) CONTAINS THE LARGEST BLOC OF MP'S IN THE CONGRESS LEGISLATIVE PARTY AT THE CENTER.

3. TIWARI IS AN EX-SOCIALIST WHO HAS AVOIDED ASSOCIATION WITH ALL OF THE CONTENDING FACTIONS IN UP STATE POLITICS. UNLIKE BAHUGUNA, HE IS A LOW-KEY POLITICIAN WHO WILL COOPERATE RATHER THAN COMPETE WITH THE OTHER BROKERS OF POLITICAL POWER IN THE STATE, SUCH AS UNION MINISTERS K. TRIPATHI AND C. YADAV, EX-UPCC CHIEF, MRS R. BAJPAI, GOVERNOR C. REDDY AND, INDIRECTLY, MRS GANDHI.

4. TIWARI HAS PROVEN TO BE A CAPABLE MINISTER DURING HIS LONG TENURE IN THE STATE CABINET UNDER THREE CHIEF MINISTERS. HE HAS A REPUTATION FOR HONESTY AND EFFICIENCY. HOWEVER, HE WILL NOT HAVE A FREE HAND IN RUNNING THE STATE, PARTICULARLY ON POLITICAL MATTERS, AND IS EXPECTED TO TURN REGULARLY FOR GUIDANCE TO THE PRIME MINISTER'S HOUSEHOLD.  
SAXBE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** POLITICAL SITUATION, PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR, PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 20 JAN 1976  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** greeneet  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1976NEWDE00994  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D760022-0572  
**From:** NEW DELHI  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1976/newtext/t19760139/aaaabidy.tel  
**Line Count:** 83  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** 76 NEW DELHI A-390  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** greeneet  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 17 JUN 2004  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <17 JUN 2004 by GarlanWA>; APPROVED <14 OCT 2004 by greeneet>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
04 MAY 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** MRS GANDHI SELECTS CAPABLE BUT DOCILE CHIEF MINISTER FOR UTTAR PRADESH  
**TAGS:** PINT, IN, (TIWARI, N D)  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006